

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 17338

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MOPS, VS

SUBJECT: JGS IG TO INVESTIGATE KHIEM HANH BATTLE

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON INFO USDAO/SAIGON 02 OCT 73

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QUOTE:

BIEN HOA 0532

REFERENCE: BIEN HOA 526

1. JGS IG WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF KHIEM HANH BATTLE (REFTEL) TO ASCERTAIN WHAT WENT WRONG AND WHY ARVN UNIT ALLOWED ITSELF TO BE AMBUSHED. MR 3 CG LTG MINH TOLD ME THIS DURING MEETING THIS AFTERNOON ON OTHER MATTERS. MINH ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE HAS FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT THIEU, AT LATTER'S REQUEST, A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF BATTLE.

2. LATEST INFO AVAILABLE TO US SHOWS THAT 279 OF INITIAL 297 MIA HAVE RETURNED, LEAVING ONLY 18 STILL MISSING. ALSO, 49 AIR SORTIES WERE FLOWN YESTERDAY, AND MORE ARE GOING ON TODAY. IN ADDITION TO 5 RF BATTALION REINFORCEMENT FORCE REPORTED REFTEL, MINH HAS, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT, DEPLOYED ANOTHER UNIT OF 25TH ARVN DIVISION TO SEEK AND DESTROY ENEMY.

COMMENT: MINH WELCOMES INVESTIGATION BECAUSE IT WILL, SO HE HOPES, SHOW UP SHORTCOMINGS OF BG LE VAN TU, 25TH ARVN DIVISION CG. MINH IS DOCUMENTING CASE AGAINST TU, INCLUDING HIS FAILURE TO CARRY OUT ORDERS AND FACT THAT MINH HAD TO CALL TU AFTER  
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MR 3 TOC ALERTED HIM TO INCIDENT. MOREOVER, HE IS PREPARED TO ASK QUESTION WHY 25TH'S TOC ONLY REPORTED 6 KIA AND 37 WIA WHEN CASUALTIES WERE MUCH GREATER. END COMMENT. WALKINSHAW  
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